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In re Application of

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Examiner:

For: HIGH SPEED, HIGH DENSITY INTERCONNECT SYSTEM FOR DIFFERENTIAL  
AND SINGLE-ENDED TRANSMISSION APPLICATIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, delete second paragraph and replace with the following:

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--The present invention relates generally to electrical connectors, and more particularly, to a high speed, high density interconnect system for differential and single-ended transmission applications. The present invention relates to a latching mechanism for compression mount type electrical connectors. The present invention also relates to a high speed, high density electrical connector having a central twinax or coax portion and conductive spring element contacts on opposite ends of the central twinax or coax portion. The present invention also relates to an